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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1 (Currently Amended) A heterofunctional crosslinking reagent having

2 the formula:

3 wherein $L^{1}[[,]]$ and L^{2} and L^{3} are each independently selected from the group consisting of a 4 bond, a substituted or unsubstituted (C2-C24) alkylene group, a substituted or 5 unsubstituted (C₂-C₂₄) heteroalkylene group, a polyethyleneglycol group, a 6 7 polyalcohol group, a polyamine group, a polyester group and a polyphosphodiester group; 8 -L³-Z is an optionally protected amino acid side chain having a pendant reactive 9 group, said reactive group selected from the group consisting of lysine, 10 cysteine, serine, aspartic acid, glutamic acid, and threonine; 11 X is a non-covalent protein tag binder that specifically binds to a protein tag portion 12 13 of a protein; and Y is a photoactivatable covalent crosslinking group adapted to covalently link the 14 15 heterofunctional crosslinking reagent at or adjacent to said protein tag, said said photoactivatable covalent crosslinking group is a member selected 16 from the group consisting of aryl ketones, azides, diazo compounds, 17 diazirenes, and ketenes; and 18

- Z is a protected or unprotected chemical crosslinking group that covalently links 19 the heterofunctional crosslinking reagent to a label or support wherein Z 20 21 is-rendered inactive when protected.
- 1 2.-4. (Canceled)
- (Original) A heterofunctional crosslinking reagent of claim 1, wherein 1 5. L¹ is a cleavable linking group. 2
- (Canceled) 1 6.-8.
- 9. (Original) A heterofunctional crosslinking reagent of claim 1, wherein 1 X is selected from the group consisting of metal chelating groups, peptides, an 2 3 organoarsenical moiety and small molecule ligands or inhibitors.
- 1 10.-25. (Canceled)

wherein

(Currently Amended) A protein conjugate comprising a protein and a **26**. 1 2 heterofunctional crosslinking reagent, said conjugate having the formula:

- 3 $L^{1}[[.]]$ and L^{2} and L^{3} are each independently selected from the group consisting of a 4 bond, a substituted or unsubstituted (C2-C24) alkylene group, a substituted or 5 unsubstituted (C₂-C₂₄) heteroalkylene group, a polyethyleneglycol group, a 6 polyalcohol group, a polyamine group, a polyester group and a 7 polyphosphodiester group; 8
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12	X is a non-covalent protein tag binder that specifically binds to a protein tag portion
13	of a protein; and
14	Y' is the residue of a photoactivatable covalent crosslinking group after formation of
15	covalent linkage to said protein, said photoactivatable covalent crosslinking
16	group covalently attached at or adjacent to said protein tag, said
17	photoactivatable covalent crosslinking group is a member selected from
18	the group consisting of aryl ketones, azides, diazo compounds, diazirenes,
19	and ketenes; and
20	Z is a protected or unprotected chemical crosslinking group that covalently links
21	the heterofunctional crosslinking reagent to a label or support wherein Z
22	is rendered inactive when protected.
1	27. (Original) A protein-conjugate comprising a protein and a covalently
2	attached heterofunctional linking group of claim 1.
1	2877. (Canceled)
1	78. (Previously presented) A heterofunctional crosslinking reagent of
2	claim 1, wherein X is an antibody or antibody fragment.